

## News Release

## Kisatchie National Forest Prepares for Hurricane Isaac



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**Pineville, La. (August 28, 2012)** – Preparations are underway in Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) for Hurricane Isaac. “We have a Hurricane plan and we are putting that into place,” explained Mike Balboni, Kisatchie National Forest Supervisor. The Kisatchie National Forest, located in central and north Louisiana, is divided into 5 separate ranger districts. “Each forest ranger evaluates the conditions on his or her district and determines if it is a safe environment for visitors and employees.”

A list of areas that are closed is posted on the KNF website [www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie). The site will be updated as additional closings become necessary. “Safety is of the utmost importance to the Forest Service, and with that in mind, when conditions become unsafe we close campgrounds, including RV hook-up sites to prevent potential harm and damage to visitors by high winds and falling limbs,” said Balboni. KNF campgrounds are not evacuation points and visitors should check with each district ranger office on availability. KNF Supervisor's Office (318) 473-7254, Calcasieu Ranger District (318) 793-9427, Catahoula Ranger District (318) 765-3554, Winn Ranger District (318) 628-4664, Kisatchie Ranger District (318) 472-1840 and Caney Ranger District (318) 927-2061.

The following is a list of the closings on KNF:

**Calcasieu District** - Kincaid Lake and Valentine Lake recreation areas will close Wednesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon.

**Catahoula District** – all recreation sites are closed and will remain closed through Thursday.

**Kisatchie District** – Kisatchie Bayou and all campgrounds are closed. The Sandstone Trail and the Kisatchie Wilderness Area are also closed.

**Winn District** – all recreation sites are closed until further notice.

Individuals seeking shelter should contact the LSUA Ag Center Evacuation Shelter located on 8125 Hwy 71 South next to LSUA at (318) 767-6215.

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